

Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention and Response System Task-force for Santa Barbara County

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Goal:

Strategically plan for the development and implementation of a coordinated Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention and Response System in Santa Barbara County.

Objectives:

- Facilitate inclusive and collaborative planning process for a coordinated child abuse and neglect prevention and response system
- Identify gaps in services, lack of coordination, and unmet community needs
- Educate community about the various elements of the Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention and Response System
- Build and support Differential Response capacity among community-based family support agencies
- Develop a record of quantifiable results that will allow the collaborative to secure further funding for implementation activities

Activities:

- Identify stakeholders and entities included in such a system (such as CWS Hotline, Differential Response, Community-based Providers, Legal System, Law Enforcement, Mandated Reporter Trainings, Parenting Resources, traditional CWS services, SART, Child Abuse Prevention Council etc.)
- Identify existing services, resources, and policies
- Identify gaps and high-need areas for development
- Identify policies hindering or prevention effective coordination and collaboration
- Create steering committee to develop a strategic plan draft based on above findings
- Facilitate meetings among stakeholders to present plan for input and approval
- Develop and recommend policies/operational changes that support differential response in family support services in all community-based organizations
- Develop operational recommendations that support differential response in CWS where permissible

- Develop Memorandums of Understanding among various entities where appropriate
- Secure additional funding to implement services supporting the Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention and Response System in Santa Barbara County

Outcomes:

- Strategic Plan Document for a comprehensive Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention and Response System for Santa Barbara County
- Grant proposal(s) to secure funding for implementation activities
- Increased community awareness of prevention services and issues
- Increased coordination and collaboration among existing agencies, private and public.

Coordination and Oversight:

- A Response Steering Committee made up from designees of participating public and private agencies, as well as other stakeholders will participate in the development of a strategic plan
- A coordinator/facilitator will provide staff support
- The Child Abuse Prevention Council and KIDS Network will serve as a collaborative body providing input and feed-back as needed.
- KIDS Network staff will have reporting and contracting responsibilities